

REV. DR. VOSBURGH.

Full Text of His Sermon on the Spiritual Basis of Success.

Success in one's vocation is not success in life. A man may be a successful artisan or artist and yet his life be a stupendous failure. Man is more than an artist. The narrowest life is broader than its vocation. And a successful life is more than a successful man of business, or mechanic or artist. As Christ's life was larger than any possible account of His life, so man's life is larger than any possible work he may do. The work may be done with the whole heart and ought to be; yet you never can get the whole man into the work—he is too large for that. He may think he has put his entire self into the work, but he is mistaken. There is a large part of him and the best part too, of which, by long neglect he may have become unconscious, this he has not put into it. There are faculties in man which cannot be reached by any work he may do; they thrive only on the personal deity and unless they are brought in contact with Him they die out.

A successful life means the carrying forward of the entire man, body, mind and spirit. No life can be a success in the broadest sense of the term if any one of these is left out. "True success is when a fair share of this world does not cost either moral or intellectual or physical health or life." Life with religion left out is a failure. It does not reach the goal.

Notwithstanding all the wisdom, knowledge, faith, patience, heroism and energy displayed by Columbus in seeking for the means with which to make his voyage of discovery, and not withstanding all his daring, bravery and perseverance in the long, long voyage over an unknown ocean, yet had he succumbed to the fears and threats of the crew and so have turned his vessel homeward one hour before he had had adventures of a new world lying beyond the horizon he would have failed. That voyage of discovery is a failure that does not discover. So in life: to be truly successful one must not only have health, cultivated intellect, friends, industry, heroism, patience and tireless energy, but in addition to this, there must be faith in God and a firm belief in a future life. God is to be obeyed and loved. Life cannot be a success if its true end be ignored. The life that is full of business and pleasure and scheming, with God left out is one of the saddest of spectacles. If when the day of life sinks into the nightfall of death no star of promise illumines the universal blackness, the life has failed. A truly successful life goes not out in darkness but melts into the dawn of the new eternal day.

Taking it for granted that we all believe that in a human spiritual nature, a soul that is endued with the powers and possibilities of an endless life, it is perfectly reasonable to believe that this

1.—SPIRITUAL NATURE CAN BE CULTIVATED.

the same as any other of our natural endowments. While perhaps no one would be found rash enough to deny such a statement, yet a large percentage of men live as if it were not true. While the person would be thought a fit subject for an insane asylum who would say that the physical or intellectual powers can not be cultivated, yet there seems to be a long thousands a fault in understanding that the spiritual nature is bound in the fetters of fate and can not be changed. That man is in no way responsible for his belief or his spiritual condition, that the law of decay and growth of life and death, that rules everywhere else in the universe does not rule here. That in all matters of faith he is powerless. He believes or he does not believe, according to some strange occult law beyond his touch or understanding. Under this delusion his spiritual nature slowly dies, and when through long neglect it is almost paralyzed, he laments that it was never a reality, that it was simply a romance of childhood.

Two things are certain: first, that the majority of people woefully neglect their spiritual natures. If we neglected our bodies as we neglect our souls the race would soon become extinct, and if we treated our intellect as we treat our souls, civilization would soon relapse into barbarism. The second is, that man's spiritual nature can be cultivated the same as the intellectual. This is conspicuously seen in all missionary work. People who were in darkness, and contentedly so, whose thoughts seldom traveled beyond the narrow horizon of the day, have been so touched and quickened by the vitalizing power of the gospel as to make their spiritual natures quiver with life. Whole countries have thus had aroused within them a life and power that had slumbered for ages, and this new life was the means of their complete transformation. Even within the church persons have lived along on a very low plane for years, kept there in part, by the delusion that eminent spirituality was for them an impossibility. Some day this delusion vanished, and then they began to grow and develop spiritually. No man was ever a good Christian who did not strive earnestly to be one. No doubt there is something in temperament and constitution but there is far less than many think.

"The matured character, the disciplined spirit, the trained life," the soul aglow with devotion: back of them all lie years of struggle and of failure, during which the heart a thousand times grew faint and almost despaired. The spiritual life is under precisely the same laws of growth and decay as the rest of our nature. We grow in grace by striving to grow. Step by step we climb the radiant heights of Christian faith and Christian living.

"Slowly fashioned link by link
Slowly waxing strong."
One of the first and indispensable steps to righteousness is for one to feel that God has made it possible for him to become righteous. No one ever attempts what he feels to be an impossibility.

2.—WHY OUGHT THE SPIRITUAL NATURE TO BE CULTIVATED?

I might answer this question by simply saying "In order that man may not be doomed to everlasting punishment" and this answer would be correct as far as it goes. But I would not have uttered all the truth involved in the question. I desire to discuss it tonight from its manifold rather than from its Godward side, from motives drawn from the present rather than from the future life. Not that these motives are the strongest or perhaps the highest, but they exist and ought not to be overlooked.

There are not a few who have looked upon the cultivation of the spiritual nature—so far as this life is concerned, as a side issue. They have thought it might be well to be religious in order to enter heaven at death, but that religion had any special benefits or blessings to confer upon man during his life upon earth, they do not believe. Religion is to them a thing entirely apart from life—only in so far as it stands across man's path with its "Thou shalt not."

I desire to show you that the spiritual life ought to be cultivated because of its power and spirit in lifting and in giving tone to man's life upon earth. Christ not only stands on the other side of the grave opening the gates into heaven, but he stands upon this side of it opening the gates into life. The full harmony we will have only in the beyond, but the first sweet notes of the prelude we catch here.

The influence of the spiritual life upon the physical, monetary, intellectual, social and moral life, we have considered in previous discourses of this series. Let us push the inquiry still farther by considering six reasons why man should cultivate his spiritual nature.

(1). Wherever God gives the possibility of good, the "ought" follows as a necessity. Wherever to advance is possible, becomes a duty. Wherever a pathway through the sea is opened it is man's duty to "go forward" whether any Moses be there to utter the command or not. The open path with the danger pressing and the possible heights of victory beckoning are God's commands more eloquent than the spoken words of the Prophet. The fact that we are endowed with a spiritual nature, and that it is capable of the most noble values and blessed development makes it imperative upon us to develop it.

THE HIGHEST PART OF HIM.

It is to *know*. "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." As Victor Hugo says "The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight to open on the dawn. I improve every hour because I live this world as my fatherland, and because the truth compels me. My work is only beginning. My monument is hardly above its foundation. I would be glad to see it mounting and mounting forever." All that the eye sees and the hand touches will fade. The soul alone lives on. It is our real and true self. All else are but its attendants, its support, and find their highest service in ministering to its uplifting.

That it is the highest we know from its *fruits*. "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." While it is true that this passage refers to the work of the Holy Spirit, yet nevertheless that work is wrought in our spiritual nature. It is this nature developed and glorified that produces these divine qualities. These fruits of the spirit are the fairest flowers that bloom outside of heaven. We instinctively feel that all other attainments are below them. Even the most fetid must admit that the spirit that enables a man to forgive an enemy is higher than the one which bids him smile a foe. The most self-seeking must admit that it is a higher quality to lose one's self in loving service for others, than it is to gratify self, no matter how lawfully it may be done. We all know that the fairest flowers of humanity are not those which bloom in the intellect, but those which bloom in the spirit. And that the intellect increases its worth a thousand fold when it has poured over the warm glowing tints of love. "Ye shall know them by their fruits," by this admitted and universal standard of measurement the spiritual life is above all life the most precious.

In view of these facts, then when we say that man ought to cultivate his spiritual nature we are simply saying that a man ought to cultivate his higher and better self.

If a man had been given a farm containing some very fine land, some that was ordinary and some that was very poor, you would say he was a foolish man to neglect cultivating the good land while he devoted his time to the swamps, and yet that is what many a man does with his nature.

(3). The influence of the spiritual life upon

OUR READING.
In the forward movement of centuries we have fallen upon the *reading* age. Everybody reads and we are all influenced beyond measure by what we read. A good book is the best of friends and an evil book is the worst of enemies. "Books," says Hazlitt, "wind into the heart. We read them when young, we remember them when old. We breathe the air of books, on this side of barbarism." A modern British essayist has said: "A man may be known by the company he keeps in his books," he then goes on to enumerate the favorite books of some great men. Milton's favorite books were Homer, Ovid and Euripides. Pitt took great delight in Milton, reciting from Paradise Lost,

the grand speech of Belial before the assembled powers of Pandemonium. The Earl of Chatham's favorite book was "Barrow's Sermons," which he read so often as to be able to repeat them from memory. Burke's companions were Demosthenes, Milton, Bolingbroke and Young's "Night Thoughts." The poems of Dante have been a favorite with most great poets from Chaucer to Tennyson. Bunyan's favorite book was the old legend of Sir Bevis of Southampton, which in all probability gave him the first idea of his "Pilgrim's Progress." Dr. John Sharp said "Shakespeare and the Bible have made me Archbishop of York." The "Imitation of Christ" and "Taylor's Holy Living and Dying" were the two books that most impressed John Wesley in early life. I need not quote farther. It is a well established fact that one of the determining factors in a man's life is found in the books and papers he reads. Now the question is this: What has a man's spiritual life to do with his reading matter? Does it in any way affect it? It affects it most profoundly, from the fact that men choose their reading matter even more from their moral than they do from their intellectual affinities. There is a companionship of books and papers as well as of friends. The enormous amount of loose moral literature that is abroad in the world is there and is eagerly read because of its *moral affinity* to those who read it. It is the old story of "the blind leading the blind" over again. People delight most in reading that which is in harmony with their moral nature. Before the grace of God touches many a man he delights in reading that which is low, and after it has cleansed him his joy is in reading David's Psalms and the words of the Lord Jesus. If all the world was brought to Christ all evil literature would rot. Every new convert creates a fresh demand for literature whose moral tone is healthy. If a licentious man is converted he at once stops the "Police Gazette" and takes to reading his Bible; if an infidel he at once burns certain books and buys others. Christianity puts a man on the right track as to the matter he reads as well as to the company he keeps.

(4). Let us consider its influence upon

OUR THINKING.

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." That is, a man's thoughts so completely mould his life that they may be said to make him. That which shapes a man's thoughts shapes his destiny. "Think of Buddha and you become like him" is an oriental proverb. Christ gave the world something new to think about. The philosophers had become *lame*. They stimulated and delighted for a time but the end thereof was vague, uncertain, weary. A voyage that ended in mid ocean. Christ gave, and for centuries has given the world Himself: His warm, fresh, stimulating, vigorous life; the holiest of the holy, the mightiest of the mighty; the fulfillment of the world's prophecies and hopes and yet the surprise of the ages. Conversion opens the gateway into the spiritual kingdom. Then for the first time we see Christ as He is. Then for the first time the *mind* has been opened to its vast fields of thought which before were hidden and unsuspected. These fields are the freshest and the grandest upon which man's thought ever fixed itself. Here rise the delectable mountains, here flows the River of life, here the mild radiance of an unsetting sun sifts through the trees whose leaves are for the healing of the nations.

The man whose spiritual life is quickened gains enormously in the range of his thinking as well as in the elevated character of the same. A Christian gentleman who stands very high in business circles said to a gentleman of a neighboring city recently that he would like to transact a certain piece of business for him involving a large amount. The party addressed replied that he would be pleased to intrust the matter into his hands, but he hesitated a little because the gentleman involved so much of his time to Christian work. "I can not see," he said "how you can do all of this outside work and yet give your business the attention it deserves." "An well," he replied, "I can attend to it all the better for that. When I am exhausted from the long continued pressure of business I throw myself into Christian work, and the complete change it gives me, affords the most delightful rest, and I go back to my work refreshed. We have both made money," he continued, "but I have something in addition to money which you have not obtained." In other words a whole world of thought and then too, the most divine—lay wholly outside of his range of thinking. Almost as much so as the Western Hemisphere to the Europe of the fourteenth century.

(5). The influence of the spiritual life upon

OUR SENSE.

Christ opened the eyes of the blind, but this act of mercy was symbolical of a higher act. He has been opening the eyes of generations. We do not all see the same world. The same hard outlines may be there, and if we saw simply from the physical standpoint, saw as the camera sees, we would see the same world, but we do not see with the eye alone, we see with the soul too. Man sees the world through the distorted medium of his own moral nature. The man and the dog look upon the same landscape and yet it is a very different thing to each. The spirit within us craves that which is without us, and chooses that which is like itself upon which to fix its gaze.

In the Salon Carré in the Louvre at Paris is Murillo's Immaculate Conception. "It is one of his greatest works, and pervaded with an intense sentiment of religious enthusiasm." He has drawn his inspiration from "the woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet," and upon her head a crown of twelve stars, about thirty-five little angels dimly seen hover in the air about her. Now let two persons stand before that picture. The one a serious Godly soul, the other a flippant worldlyling. To the former it will be a revelation and an inspiration, to the latter it will be nothing. I saw men who after crossing the ocean to visit Europe turned their backs upon the rich art treasures of the Louvre to study the obscene pictures of a shop window. "That which is born of the spirit is spirit, and that which is born of the flesh is flesh."

What we see is colored by our experience. The little hill down whose snow covered sides we coasted in boyhood seemed large at the time, but when we came to go out into the world, going into the winding canons of the west, standing in the shadow of mountains thousands of feet in height whose summits are in the realm of perpetual snow, then the hill of childhood coasting days is an insignificant affair and we wonder how we ever thought it was large. It is so in the world spiritually, man looks upon the little twinkling joys that come to him out of the world financial and social and he thinks they are perfectly wonderful. The little hill he magnifies into a mountain. But some day the grace of God touches him. The scales fall from his eyes. They are opened; for the first time he sees life as it is for he sees it in the light of eternity. He sees that the brightest earthly success is short-lived; that the longest life is brief. He hears the measured tread of the generations as they come and go, growing fainter and fainter until it dies into silence. He knows that he is part of that procession. That with it he moves to the nightfall and to the beyond. Then he lifts his eyes toward heaven and God. He sees "Christ within him, the hope of glory." The sky is adame with the aureole of an endless life. He catches sight of a power that never fades, of a joy that is full of rest, of a peace that is unbroken, of a love that is to bring of a life that is triumphant. As he gazes upon all of this, so calm, so loved, so sure and so eternal, he wonders how he ever thought the things of time and sense were larger satisfying in themselves.

The religion of Christ touches, and touches vividly our earthly life. It augments our power, enlarges our range of vision and fills life with a thousand divinities that before were unsuspected. The man whose spiritual nature is unfolded possesses all he had before and much in addition. The Old World did not lose but gain when the Western Hemisphere was discovered. So man does not lose but gain and only gain when his spiritual life is opened and occupied by the spirit of God. We gain here and now. While the full orb of brightness will burst upon us only after we have reached the heavenly land, yet, as the sun before its rising, throws light upon mountain peak and plain, tempering even the dark shadows of the valleys; filling the air with a delicious warmth and a bewitching and mysterious brightness that is prophetic of its coming, so God throws the soft, reflected light of heavenly love and peace upon us even here. Everyone ought to be a full fledged Christian for the sake of what Christ does for him in this life.

(6). Everyone ought to cultivate his

spiritual nature because of

ITS RELATION TO GOD AND DESTINY.

I say "its," I had rather say "our," for in the truest sense of the term a man and his spiritual nature is identical. This is all that remains of us at the last, the rest perishes and was in no real sense a part of us. We never really see God except through a Christ illumined spirit. All others are "blinded" by the "god of this world." In the nature of things God must forever be hidden to the natural eye. His works we can and do see. His footsteps in creation and in law are open pages that all may read. The number of persons who deny His existence ever have and always will be few. "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God," yet we never really see God until we see Him in His personal relation to us as our Father, and in this relation we can never see Him by our unregenerate eyes. Paul never saw Him until after his moon tide experience, not far from Damascus. "Ye must be born again or ye cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven," and it is just as true that we cannot see God until then. All talk about God by one whose spiritual life has not been quickened is the talk of a blind man about the blinding of cinders. "With out holiness no man shall see the Lord," St. John writes us from God. "Blessed is the pure in heart for he shall see God." It is worth something even in this life to be that He who made the universe should be neglected his spiritual nature.

For the sake of our *destiny* we ought to care for our spiritual nature. At the end of this complex life of ours every man has upon him a destiny. But Christ must be in us this deciding factor. Our personal relation to Him decides the quest on as to our future bliss or woe.

We shall not always live in this world. Some day we will take our departure.

"Beyond the smiling and the weeping
We shall be soon."

We must all go away. Said Thomas Carlyle speaking of death, "The messenger which overtakes alike the busy and the idle, which arrests man in the midst of his pleasures or occupations and changes his countenance and sends him away." Death is impartial; he never forgets any of us at the appointed time he is sure to come. When Cardinal Mazarine was told that he had only two months to live, he paced along his beautiful galleries filled with exquisite works of art, and exclaimed, "I must quit all these. What pains I have had in acquiring all these things, and yet I must see them no more. Adieu dear paintings, that I have loved so much and that have cost me so dear." To this final hour we must all come.

Can a person be said to have lived a successful life who comes to this hour unprepared? If to him the beyond is a blank or a leap into the dark, then surely his life has failed. Every person ought to be most deeply concerned about his future destiny, and do all within his power to insure for himself a blessed immortality. For a man to be indifferent upon this point is for him to confess that his nature is at once shallow and narrow. There is the record of scarcely a truly great character in history, either Christian or Pagan, but what looked with solitude toward the future and felt deeply about their allotment there.

Are we caring for our immortal selfhood as we ought? Have we welcomed all the light God has sent us, and used all the opportunities He has given? Have we listened to the call of Christ and have we obeyed Him?

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50 Styles of 5c Handkerchiefs, the choice of the Handsome New Prints produced this season. 100 dozen All-Linen Hem-Stitched Handkerchiefs, 50 cents per dozen. 100 dozen (20 styles) Embroidered, Revere and Drawn Border Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs, 25c each. And the most Extensive Collection of Lace and Hand-Embroidered Handkerchiefs ever shown in this market.

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MORNING REVIEW

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1890.

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Nobby bracelets at Peake & Son.
Get only Chamberlain's pictures.
Henry Bros. keep the best bread in the city.
Read S. M. Lutz's offer of special prices on organs.
See "Mother Goose" at the Grand, Tuesday evening.
Pure buckwheat flour and maple sugar at J. Lyle & Co.'s.
Soft nut coal \$1.50 per ton delivered.—F. D. Caldwell.
Buy your drugs at the corner of Calhoun and Edmund streets.
Do not fail to see the Baptist entertainment Tuesday night.
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If you want a good, clean, wholesome lunch, go to Henry Bros.
Go to Combs' restaurant and European hotel opposite Grand opera house.
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Go to the opera house and see "The Mother of Our Country," Tuesday evening.
Remember Hunter has the Pioneer Brand of oysters at wholesale. Best in the market.
Go to the Spencer & Lelann company for feed cutters, feed grinders and corn shellers.
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Prudent housekeepers who want to preserve their reputation as breadmakers, should always use Hatfield's flour.
The largest and cleanest soft coal ever offered to the Decatur trade at \$1.50 per ton delivered.
F. D. CALDWELL.
If you doubt the ability of the Baptist ladies to give a first-class entertainment, go to the opera house Tuesday evening and see.
There will be a masquerade dance at Guards' armory Thursday, Dec. 10th. Admission 50c. Ladies free. Good music and good order.
During this damp weather keep your feet dry by taking your good old shoes to E. W. Chandler for repairs. He is in the Tabernacle building.
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Beginning Nov. 1, I shall offer rare bargains to purchasers of pianos and organs, which will be continued during the holidays. My stock is large and complete. Remember the date. C. B. PRESCOTT.
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All the women of the city interested in establishing a woman's exchange will meet in the Woman's club room Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. IDA W. BAKER, President.

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For 31 years the public has been using the well known brand of flour manufactured by the Shellabarger mills, and the evidence of their popularity, the capacity of our mills has been increased from the little 50-barrel burr mill to our present 800-barrel roller process mill, and our trade exceeds that of any mill in this state. This certainly proves that our flour still takes the lead. In the year 1859 we changed our mills from the burr system to the roller process, the first mill in the state to use rolls on winter wheat and at the same time changed our brands, White Wheat and XXXX, to the popular and well known White Loaf and Daily Bread brands. Since the change in our system and brands our competitors have been using every means possible to duplicate both our flour and brands. They find it impossible to do so, but in some instances have deceived the public by the similarity between their brands and ours—for at a glance one would see no difference between the brands, because the name, design and color are similar to our White Loaf and Daily Bread brands. Yet the quality of the flour will tell and the public will soon discover the difference. We would caution the public in reference to this, and to see that every sack has either White Loaf or Daily Bread branded on same and the full firm name. Thanking the public for the substantial evidence of their verdict as to the quality of our flour, we are,
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Rib roasts.	5c per lb
Good boiling meat.	5c per lb
Chuck roasts.	7c per lb
Chuck steaks.	8c per lb
Round steaks.	8c per lb
Loin steaks.	12 1/2c per lb

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Backs (fat on).	6c per lb
Backs (fat trimmed off).	8c per lb
Pork chops or steaks.	8c per lb
Pork shoulders.	5c per lb
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We have four competent butchers to cater to the wants of our customers, and do not employ jay butchers, such as you will find at the dressed beef markets.

Mayor's Proclamation.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
DECATUR, ILL., Nov. 22, '89.

In accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States and the Governor of Illinois, I hereby call upon the people of Decatur to observe Thursday, November 28th, as a day of Thanksgiving, and, abstaining from all secular occupations, recommend that they assemble in their places of worship and render thanksgiving to Almighty God for the manifold blessings of the year. M. F. KANAN, Mayor.

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I have a full supply of the best grades of hard coal. Prices and quality guaranteed. Principal office, 628 North Main street. E. L. MARTIN.

A Wonderful Rush.

Our merchants generally enjoyed a big trade yesterday, but by far the highest rush was at the new meat market that has just been opened in the library building by H. W. Knight. All day long the rush continued, and four men behind the counters and two outside, were unable to keep pace with the demands of the trade.

"It has been simply wonderful," said Mr. Knight, "far beyond my most sanguine hopes, and it all goes to prove that the public know a good thing when they see it. You can tell your readers in the morning," he added, "that we intend doing business in the same way, and our customers can depend on getting just such cuts of meat all the time as we served yesterday. We deliver to all parts of the city, and our telephone number is 197."

Mr. Knight has certainly every reason to be proud of the success he is making, and one point in his favor is that he isn't afraid to let the dear people know what he has to offer them.

Information on Shoes.

Broken sizes or stacks of boots and shoes from one to two years old are not worth over 45 cents on the dollar. So says Fingree & Smith, of Detroit; Reynolds Bros., of New York and Claffine & Thayer, of Milford, Mass. The above well known firms represent several million dollars and have made it all in the shoe business. So you can see when we offer a broken lot of ladies' shoes formerly sold at \$5 to \$5.50 and cut them down to 50c there is no loss, but the shoes are sold at 20 per cent. less than the first cost. Now as Fingree is about through with the high priced shoes, we promise to sell you almost anything you want for boys, ladies, misses and men for 75 cents to \$1 a pair, commencing this morning.

FOWLER'S SHOE STORE.

Do You Wear Pants?

If so call at Watson & Hughes steam power tailoring establishment and see the elegant line just received. Over 75 new styles, ranging from \$3.50 to \$9.00. Also suitings of all styles. From \$17.00 to \$35.00. Overcoatings from \$20.00 to \$38.00. We are making more clothing than all other merchant tailors combined, consequently can save you 25 per cent. Call early before the rush. WATSON & HUGHES, 127 E. Main St.

Still in the Swim.

Delle Harris has opened a new confectionery at the north end of Central block. THE VERY FINEST line of cream candies in the city. Taffies, peanut and almond candies fresh every day. All kinds of domestic and tropical fruits. A full line of Decatur made cigars. Everything is neat and clean. Call around at the grand opening, Thursday, Nov. 21. North end of Central block.

Not Tools.

Notice some adds in recent issues of Decatur papers where they say people are fools because they (the people) trade with us. Such insolence ought to be "sat down on" and will be. The people crowd our store and the verdict of the people is always right. They are not fools.

FERRISS & LAPHAM.

Over 200 different styles of choice goods to select that new suit from, at Muleady & Sons.

Chicago Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1:15 p. m. yesterday, received by G. C. Caldwell, secretary Decatur Grain Co.:

WHEAT—Dec. 79 1/2c; Jan. 80 1/4c; May, 80 1/2c.
CORN—Dec. 31 1/2c; Jan. 30 1/2c; May, 31 1/2c.
OATS—Dec. 29c; Jan., 30c; May, 29 1/2c.
Buckwheat—Nov. 88 1/2c; Jan. 89 1/2c.
BARLEY—Nov. 56 1/2c; Jan. 56 1/2c.
JOBS—Nov. 55 1/2c; Jan. 54 1/2c.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

Live Stock—Hogs, 15,000; market steady. Cattle, 4,000; market steady.
OATS—Car Lots—Winter Wheat, 31; Spring Wheat, 111; Corn, 390; Oats, 149.

Table Wines and Liquors.

TABLE DELICACIES and DECATUR BREWING CO'S EXTRA FINE UNSTEAMED BOTTLED BEER Vacuum and Cincinnati. Pilsner Bottled Beer for sale by PHILIPP RUEBSAMEN, 118 North Water street. Orders by telephone promptly filled. Goods sold in any quantity, and delivered to any part of the city. Telephone 715.

Reduced Rates.

The Decatur Short Line have had some coupon books printed, and will sell 500 tickets for \$10.00. These coupon books can be obtained at the banking house of Corbin, Dawson & Co. Also slips of six tickets will be sold for 25 cents. These can be obtained of any conductor.

A Special Writing Class.

will be opened at the Decatur Business College, new library block building, on Monday, Nov. 25, at 4 p. m. Classes every day from 4 to 5 p. m. Everybody invited. Only \$2.50 a month.

E. P. IRVING, Principal.

One More Chance.

I have just received a third full shipment of carpets, wall paper, matting, linoleum, oil cloths, and the finest line of Turkomans and lace curtains ever shown in Decatur. You cannot afford to buy until you have examined our stock.

ABEL'S CARPET HOUSE.

Thanks.

We are truly thankful to our kind competitors for helping to advertise our final closing out sale. They are aroused by the fact that we are selling goods better than theirs, at less money than they can buy them for.

FERRISS & LAPHAM.

Annual Dinner.

The ladies of the Christmas church will serve their annual dinner and supper and give their annual festival on Thanksgiving Day, in the room occupied by Cann & Co. The public is invited.

Fresh.

Oysters, in bulk or can; fresh fish every Friday; fresh celery from Michigan every day. Klipp & Moran, 654 East Eldorado.

Just One Day.

Read Bradley Bro's special announcement in furs for Monday.

A Month's Engagement.

Albert F. Smith starts to-morrow morning for El Paso, Ill., where he will begin a month's engagement, speaking every night for that time in Woodford, Bureau and Rock Island counties under the auspices of the grand lodge of Good Templars. Mr. Smith is deputy chief templar and organizer of the state.

Commendable.

All claims not consistent with the high character of Syrup of Figs, are purposely avoided by the Cal. Fig Syrup company. It acts gently on the kidney, liver and bowels, cleansing the system effectually, but it is not a cure-all, and makes no pretensions that every bottle will not substantiate.

New Meat Market.

Charley Foster has opened a new meat market at the corner of Water and Packard streets. George Fletcher is head cutter.

Smoker's Heart.

Dr. Eliot's Remedy wards off death from those who have developed a "Smoker's Heart" through the use of tobacco, rendering that organ liable to rupture at any time. Descriptive treatise with each bottle or address Mack Drug Co., N. Y. Sold by leading druggists.

A Regulator.

A few Hamburg Figs will cure the worst cases of constipation and indigestion, and their occasional use will prevent the recurrence of these troubles. 25 cents. Dose, one fig. Mack Drug Co., N. Y. Sold by leading druggists.

Salvation Oil.

The greatest cure on earth for pain, may be relied on to effect a cure when ever an external application can be used. It is the old, old story: Love at first sight. A walk in the beautiful moonlight night; both catch a dreadful cold and give up all hope, but finally find relief in a bottle of Dr. Hays' Cough Syrup, get married, and are at last happy.

New College Rooms.

The Decatur Business College has just gone into its beautiful new rooms, third floor, library block. New classes in all departments. Business, shorthand, typewriting, English and penmanship. Now is the time to enter.

Pastors' Association.

There will be a meeting of the Pastors' association Monday at 10 a. m. in the First Methodist church. G. E. SCHUMER, Secretary.

Inherited Scrofula.

Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) cured my little boy of hereditary scrofula, which broke out all over his face. For a year he had suffered, and I had given up all hopes of his recovery, when at length I decided to use S. S. S. After using a few bottles he was entirely cured. Not a symptom now remains of the disease. This was three years ago.

MRS. T. L. MATHERS, Moberly, Mo.

TRADE MARK.

In the early part of last year I had a violent attack of rheumatism, from which I was confined to my bed for over three months and at times was unable to turn myself in bed, or even raise the cover. A nurse had to be in constant attendance day and night. I was so feeble that what little nourishment I took had to be given me with a spoon. After calling in the best local physicians, and trying all other medicines without receiving any benefit, I was induced by friends to try Swift's Specific (S. S. S.). I discontinued all other medicines, and took a course of S. S. S. thirteen small bottles, which effected a complete and permanent cure.

L. C. BASSETT, El Dorado, Kansas.

Treatment on Blood and Skin Diseases mail-order.

SWIFT SPECIFIC CO. Atlanta, Ga.

WHAT SPOT CASH WILL DO AT JOHN FINN'S

Cor. Broadway and E. Eldorado St.

Fresh Oysters Received Direct From Baltimore, at 40c a quart.

12 1/2 lbs Extra C Sugar	\$1.00
12 1/2 " A Sugar	1.00
12 1/2 " Granulated Sugar	1.00
12 1/2 lbs Good Refined Coffee	1.00
12 1/2 lbs Turkish Prunes	1.00
12 1/2 lbs Family Lard	1.00
3 lbs New Tapioca	.25
4 lbs New Buckwheat Flour	.25
4 " New Hominy	.25
4 " Best Outing	.25
4 " Navy Beans	.25
4 " Good Rice	.25
7 " Barley Grist	.25
4 " Pearl Barley	.25
3 1/2 " Currants	.25
4 Turkish Prunes	.25
30 lb Sack Patent Flour	7.25
Fancy Table Syrup, per gal.	.45
Maple Syrup in half-gallon cans	.30
New Maple Sugar, per lb	.10
Jelly, in 20 lb pails, per lb	.50
Sweet Pickles, per qt	.15
1 lb Can Good Baking Powder	.20
Star Candles, per lb	.13
New Sauer Kraut, per gal	.20
Mop Sticks, worth 25c, only	.15
6 lbs Salt Starch	.25
Axle Grease, per box	.50
12 Boxes Coffee Essence	.25
New Dates, per lb	.10

TEAS, TRAYS, TEAS.

Fancy Gunpowder Tea, worth 50c in other stores, my price .40 || Fancy Imperial Tea, per lb | .40 |
Best Green Japan, per lb	.25
Fine Uncolored Japan, per lb	.40
Good Mixed Tea per lb	.25
Good English Breakfast, per lb	.45
Best Young Hyson, per lb	.35
Tea Blending, per lb	.10

SOAPS FOR THE MILLION.

7 Bars Tallow Soap	.25
7 Bars Laundry Soap	.25
Old Country Soap, 60 bars to the box, per box	2.70
German Family, per box	2.00
Santa Claus, per box of 100 bars	4.50

MEATS.

Dried Beef, per lb	.15
Heavy Bacon	.10
Breakfast Bacon	.12 1/2
Homeless Ham	.12 1/2

TORRIFICS.

Good Finest, per lb	.50
Quality and Quantity, per lb	.28
Nowshoy, per lb	.40
Prince Edward, per lb	.25
Natural Leaf	.50
Old Kentucky (Smoking)	.30
Durham (Smoking)	.30

All Goods Warranted to give satisfaction. Goods delivered to all parts of the city.

JOHN FINN.

TELEPHONE 3223.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

Notices not exceeding five lines will be inserted in this column one week for twenty-five cents payable in advance.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—A furnished room near the depot. Inquire of James Hill, at 11 S. 150th St. or 151 East Broadway street.

FOR RENT—Two desirable furnished rooms in private family; heated by furnace. Apply on premises, 428 West Main street.

FOR RENT—A furnished room for a gentleman, in a desirable location, one block from Hotel Brunswick. Address A. R., this office.

FOR RENT—Office rooms over Warren & Durfee's office; also on second floor adjoining Masonic temple. Apply to Theo. Coleman, at Haworth & Son's office.

TO LET—A well-furnished room with board in private family for one or two gentlemen. Address, Lock Box 377.

WANTED.

WANTED—Immediately, a girl for general housework. Good wages; 729 North College street.

WANTED—A good cook and a dining room girl at Morrison's Hotel. Call immediately at 421 East Main street.

WANTED—A good girl for general housework. Good reference required. Inquire at 525 North Water street.

WANTED—Every body to know that the main line are prepared to store stoves and furniture at reasonable rates, also will buy or trade for same.

WANTED—Sewing, by a young lady, an accomplished seamstress. Wishes to do sewing in families by the day. Call or address 841 East Edmund street.

WANTED—Bible local and traveling salesmen. Positions permanent. Special inducements. Now fast-selling specialties. Don't delay. Salary from start. BROWN BROS., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—Salesmen to solicit for our well-known "Savory" brand. Wages paid every week. Permanent employment guaranteed. Write at once, before territory taken, stating age. CHASE BROS., Chicago, Ill.

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Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, head-aches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50c and \$1 bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.

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A fine line of the nicest Cakes in the city.

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If you want only a "yellow fever," a sickly glim, you can get that anywhere. But if you want a White, Steady Light, grateful to the eyes, radiant, cheerful, beautiful, get the

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FORGOT THEIR DIGNITY.

Exciting Meeting of Methodists at Des Moines.

THE LIE HANDLED BACK AND FORTH.

The Trouble Arose Over a Charge Made by One Minister Against Another—A Runaway Engine—Attached with Hydrophobia on a Passenger Train—Other Items of Peculiar Interest.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 23.—The question of the location of the Methodist university in Iowa came up at the meeting held here Friday, Bishop Warren presided. The favor shown this city by many delegates was resented by friends of Simpson college. The statement was made that a proposition offering \$200,000 for the establishment of a great central university in Des Moines had been made to the last conference. Rev. Harned then charged Rev. Stewart, of Simpson, with the responsibility for its suppression. A scene of confusion followed, several clergymen evidently forgetting their dignity and calling.

Rescued a Ward Canine. The lie was handled back and forth with considerable facility, and the meeting for a few moments resembled a ward canine more than a gathering of ministers. Bishop Warren smoothed out the differences with a skillful hand and the matter was finally settled for the present by authorizing a committee of six to receive propositions for the building and endowment of a high grade institution in or near Des Moines, the same to be submitted to the next session of the Des Moines annual conference.

A Wild Engine at Work. The engine was being taken to the Louisville and Nashville railroad shops at Howell Friday for slight repairs. It ran into an incoming freight, wrecking two cars. It was on a sharp curve, and the engineer and fireman had barely time to shut off steam and jump when the crash came. The collision opened the throttle, and the unattended engine started on the back track like a flash, running forty miles an hour, over the bridge and into the yard, crashing into a switch engine and smashing it to atoms. The fireman, George Brock, was thrown down the river bank, a distance of fifty feet, sustaining fatal injuries. The wild engine was also badly damaged.

Attacked with Rabies on a Train. The engine, Ind., Nov. 23.—Just before the east-bound train on the Chicago and Atlantic reached this city, a passenger and from Chicago to Providence, R. I., was seized with a violent attack of hydrophobia. The passengers were driven from the car in fright, leaving the man in full possession. He frothed at the mouth, tried to bite the seats and everything he could get at, and he poked up a chair, reaching and shook it violently with his teeth, as a dog would do. When the train stopped at this depot the conductor tried to leave him part of the train, but finally decided to let him in the car, which he did, and he refused to leave for an officer to take him to a hospital.

Had No Ground of Action. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 23.—The Democrat of this city, Oct. 25, 1888, printed a report of a speech by Charles F. Bellamy, Republican candidate for governor. Bellamy claimed damages of \$10,000, but did not say having made the speech. But a few days later in the current issue was printed the disclaimer offered by the Democrat on the ground that it was printed in error and thus ended the case. The paper at present in the report of the speech to which Bellamy objected was the lying before the people of the following statement: "I don't propose to go into a debate on the 'Fon' wood, quinine, and all these things. I have said and built that way."

A Badly Wanted Man. ST. LOUIS, Nov. 23.—James A. Smith, president of the A. Smith Ice company, which went to crash ten days ago, is badly wanted in St. Louis. Developments show that some \$50,000 is unaccounted for, and as Smith is missing, his creditors have unfortunately accepted the theory that he has gone to Canada. A peculiar incident of the failure was the marriage of Smith. He was a widower, past 50, and ten hours after the ice company was demolished he married his housekeeper, a woman youthful enough to have passed for his daughter. The next morning he hid his bride, and neither she nor his creditors have seen him since.

It Proved a Death Trap. WASHINGTON CITY, Nov. 23.—Frank T. Barry, 15 years old son of the late Hon. Henry W. Barry, of Mississippi, was found dead in his bed Friday, by his mother, Mrs. Kate Barry. He had hanged a string from his bed to the gas bracket so that he might study while in bed, and turn out the gas without leaving the bed when he became sleepy. In his sleep he had involuntarily turned on the gas which, during the night filled the room and aphyxiated him.

Dr. Peters Was Slain. ZANZIBAR, Nov. 23.—News received here from Lamu confirms the reports of the killing of Dr. Peters, a German companion, and all but five of the natives of the expedition. They were massacred at Addu Burala, on the Tana river, by a party of Somalis who attacked the camp at night. After the massacre the natives stole the money, donkeys, camels and everything of value in the camp. Dr. Peters was friendly with all the local tribes, but not with the chief of the Somalis who made the attack. The place where the massacre occurred is an eight days' march above Korkoroo.

Mr. Pendleton's Condition. NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Mr. Frank Pendleton, who returned from Brussels two weeks ago, said that it was not true that his father had an abscess. He was suffering from a stomach trouble, but was not in a dangerous condition. Mr. Pendleton received a cable dispatch Friday evening from Brussels informing him that his father was not so well as he had been, but that no immediate danger is apprehended. One of his daughters is with him.

Will Try the Mudstone. MADISON, Ind., Nov. 23.—A rabid dog which since last Sunday has bitten ten persons has since died. Henry Lockridge, one of those bitten has returned from Milton, Ky., where he had Mr. Lan's mudstone applied to the wound. Three other sufferers have left for Milton to test the virtue of the stone.

The Atchison Reorganization. BOSTON, Nov. 23.—The Atchison board of directors Saturday declared the reorganization plan effected, a majority of the bondholders both in Europe and America having assented thereto.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mrs. Mary Kitchen, one of the old pioneers of Burlington, Iowa, died Friday, aged 83.

Mrs. Anna Prolasco, aged 90 years, mother of Henry Prolasco, the Cincinnati millionaire, fell down a cellarway at her home in Charlottesville, Ind., Friday, and died from her injuries.

Worth, of Paris, the last day of the exposition, gave his 600 employees a half holiday and \$10 each to buy an exposition souvenir.

A man giving his name as Kniller was arrested Friday at Vandalia, Ill., for impersonating a post-office inspector.

While hunting in Douglas county, Mo., Thursday, John Litsinger, aged 14 years, had the top of his head blown off by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of his cousin.

Friday, at New York, James Smith, a letter carrier, driven desperate by his wife's desertion, shot his two children and himself. One of the little ones is dead and the other cannot recover. Smith himself, who is a sufferer from consumption, is not badly injured.

Business failures for the week, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., number 271, as compared with 255 last week, and 267 the week previous. For the corresponding week in 1888 the number was 236.

Work on the new gymnasium of Yale college has been begun, and of the \$150,000 needed for the building all but \$15,000 has been secured.

The will of J. Warren Merrill, who recently died at Cambridge, Mass., bequeaths to Baptist missions, charities, and associations, \$11,500; to Brown university and Vassar college, \$10,000 each.

The Morning Union of Rock Island, Ill., has been sued for \$10,000 damages by William McInerney, who alleges that the paper accused him of betraying the city while he was corporation counsel.

At Center Point, Iowa, Friday, John Hendrickson shot his wife and blew off his own head with a shotgun.

Exports from the United States for the year ending October, 1888, were \$29,954,552, against \$28,283,811 in 1887, and the imports were \$25,115,777, against \$17,995,275 in 1888.

The Augusta, Ga., evening board the city council have invited the members of the Pan-American congress to visit that city.

The first Republican convention that ever assembled in Astoria met at Astoria on the 20th of November. Resolutions were passed that they be allowed a delegate to congress, and for a home-stead, timber cuttings and other territorial laws.

Thursday, on Mars Hill, near the Greek capital, Dr. T. De Witt Technique preached a sermon, and from that classic mound descended a coronation for his new talisman.

Gov. Rutherford's personal expenses are defrayed by his admirers in France. Every week he receives a certain amount collected by working people in the provinces.

At Lumbard, N. H., Friday, Mrs. John Malone was burned to death by the explosion of a good-bay.

Proclaimed the Meetings. DUBLIN, Nov. 23.—The great mass meetings to be held at R. Remy and Waterloo, in honor of the "Munich conference," have been proclaimed by the government. The projects, however, will carry out their program. Large bodies of police have been employed in readiness to enforce the government's prohibition.

A Good Game of Foot Ball. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov. 23.—The month of October was the best of foot ball in the history of the best games of foot ball of the season. Both teams were very evenly matched, Williams showing surprising and unexpected strength. Ames, of the Princeton, was refereed, and Terry, of Yale, umpire.

Won the November Handicap. MAINTON, Nov. 23.—The race for the November handicap was run here Saturday, and was won by Yellow Girt, with Conservator second and Third third.

A Postoffice Robbery. CINCINNATI, Nov. 23.—The postoffice at Marietta, Ohio, was robbed Friday night by burglars, who carried about \$200 in stamps and cash.

THE MARKETS. CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Quotations on the board of trade today were as follows: Wheat, No. 2, November, closed 87c; No. 2, December, closed 87c; No. 2, January, closed 87c; No. 2, February, closed 87c; No. 2, March, closed 87c; No. 2, April, closed 87c; No. 2, May, closed 87c; No. 2, June, closed 87c; No. 2, July, closed 87c; No. 2, August, closed 87c; No. 2, September, closed 87c; No. 2, October, closed 87c; No. 2, November, closed 87c; No. 2, December, closed 87c; No. 2, January, closed 87c; No. 2, February, closed 87c; No. 2, March, closed 87c; No. 2, April, closed 87c; No. 2, May, closed 87c; No. 2, June, closed 87c; No. 2, July, closed 87c; No. 2, August, closed 87c; No. 2, September, closed 87c; No. 2, October, closed 87c; No. 2, November, closed 87c; No. 2, December, closed 87c; No. 2, January, closed 87c; No. 2, February, closed 87c; No. 2, March, closed 87c; No. 2, April, closed 87c; No. 2, May, closed 87c; No. 2, June, closed 87c; No. 2, July, closed 87c; No. 2, August, closed 87c; 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OPERA HOUSE ATTRACTIONS.

LEWIS MORRISON'S "FAUST." On next Saturday night what is conceded to be one of the few finest productions ever put on any stage, will be presented at the opera house. It is Lewis Morrison's "Faust," in which he appears in his wonderful characterization of "Mephisto." The amount of scenery and the stage effects here produced are said to be perfectly bewildering. He has two car loads of scenery and four stage carpenters. A large amount of the scenery and a gang of men will arrive here the day before the performance. The company carries 10 calcium lights and 200 incandescent lights. Some of the scenes and electrical effects are described as startling and rarely beautiful. The great play will certainly have a wonderful presentation, and should be greeted by a full house.

"AN OLD FAVORITE." Of C. L. Davis, who gives two performances of his new play here on Thanksgiving day, the Boston Daily Advertiser says:

"We can congratulate Mr. C. L. Davis on his new play, 'One of the Old Stock,' in which he plays the leading role of Alvin Joslin, the hearty old Vermont farmer, the large audience that completely filled the Grand Opera House last evening passed a favorable verdict on both play and player, to judge from the continuous laughter and hearty applause. Its only hold of nature and reality is the real and true character of the homes, simple minded and simple hearted, old farmer, Alvin Joslin. This character is identified with Mr. Davis, who has achieved with it a success only less than that of Damon Thompson in a similar character. The musical selections are excellent and deserve their encores. The cast of the play is large, and the actors, while they do not need individual mention, were in each case competent to play their roles in a satisfactory manner. The orchestra of the opera house was augmented by Alvin Joslin's 'Opera Solo Orchestra,' and the combination rendered an excellent musical program, which was greeted with much favor by the audience."

ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS.

W. H. Pursman, the broker and real estate man at Pontiac who swindled his customers out of \$100,000, is still missing. A reward of \$1,000, is offered for him.

The Bement wheelmen have organized a large club at that place and will apply for admission to the League of American Wheelmen.

Capt. A. H. Bogardus will have a live pigeon sweepstakes and rifle shooting for turkeys at his home in Elkhart on the 27th, the day before Thanksgiving. All are invited to attend. A large hog will be "guessed off" at this time.

George H. Edwards and Miss Belle Dix were married on Wednesday at Lawrence, Kan. The groom is a son of Hon. Richard Edwards, state superintendent of public instruction, and formerly lived at Normal. The young lady is a daughter of a pioneer of Kansas. They will reside at 607 Brooklyn avenue, Kansas City.

A Burglary at Champaign. Burglars entered the residence of J. B. McKinley, at Champaign, Friday night, and secured most of the silverware and jewelry. Several other residence were also entered.

Killed by a Switch Engine. Joseph Bedla, a coal miner, was instantly killed by a Wabash switch engine at Danvers. He had just jumped from a moving train and did not notice the engine coming on a parallel track.

Dan's Straight Story. As a number of different stories have been told, Daniel McNaughton wishes to have the public informed just how the accident happened by which he was so badly hurt, and came so near being killed, Monday night. With another man he went to get his handcar out. On the way he told the T. H. & F. hostler, who stays on the switch engine, that he was going to get the car out. He had done that, and was going slowly down the track waving his lantern as a warning, for it was very dark when a man on the side of a car was seen signalling ahead on the main track. Dan stopped and just got his car off when he was struck by the flat car. The switchman was several car lengths from the end of his train. If he had been on the end, the accident would not have happened, and he would not have been hurt.

NEWSY NOTES.

It is a cold day when the thermometer registers below zero. This is official.

Coal operators report a largely increased business during the past few days.

Local weather cranks now prophesy that the winter will be wide open and miserably wet.

The young folks are talking of having "spelling bees" frequently for winter amusement.

A street fakir was abroad in Decatur yesterday, but did not find many suckers to invest in his goods.

Too Sobby to Crib.

Farmers, in conversation with a Reviewer yesterday, stated that corn husking operations were suspended in a great many localities because the grain was too soft to be cribbed; and that a great deal of corn that had been gathered had become moldy and worthless, owing to its green condition and the continued wet weather.

Go See the Proof.

Doubting Thomases who hesitate to believe that this city is growing rapidly should take a little trip to New Decatur and see how she is spreading herself. Hedges are being dug out, new buildings are being erected and a general air of "git that Eli" prevails in that neighborhood.

Bit His Tongue.

Charles, the 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Dennis, living at 1546 North Water street, while playing yesterday evening, fell and bit his tongue half in two. The wounded member was stitched together by Dr. Hostetter, and the boy is now doing nicely.

Broke a Rib.

John T. Owens, a carpenter in the employ of the Wabash company, fell sideways from a coal car yesterday evening and broke the tenth rib on his right side. He was taken to his home in the East Park Boulevard where his injuries were attended to by Dr. Hostetter.

A Marriage License.

Fred Falk, Decatur, ... 21
Lizzie Pelt, Decatur, ... 20

CAN'T HANDLE THE CROPS

A Freight Car Famine of Unexampled Proportions Impending. St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Never since railroad lines ran west from St. Louis has there been so great a freight car famine as that now prevailing, and the probabilities are that matters will be worse before they are better. As announced in yesterday's Post-Dispatch, for some time there has been a serious shortage of transportation, but it was hoped that this could be overcome before what was simply inconvenient became disastrous. Every effort was made to recall cars from other lines, and the shops were rushed to their utmost capacity turning out new freight cars and repairing old ones sufficiently to render them fit for at least one or two trips more.

AN UNWELDY CROW.

These affairs have proved unavailing, and to-day not only St. Louis, but the entire west finds itself confronted with a freight-car famine of unexampled proportions. At first the least fully equipped roads and their branches having the smallest amount of rolling-stock available were alone involved, but to-day not a road running in or out of the city knows where to turn for cars, and there seems to be little chance for an alteration for the better for some time to come. In Chicago the state of affairs is even worse. At this season of the year, when the corn crop is beginning to move in bulk, there is always a large demand for transportation, and preparations were made to meet it, but these have proved to be entirely inadequate, principally on account of the unprecedented quantity of miscellaneous freight that has to be moved. The demand for cars to transport fruits and vegetables is something that has astonished the most experienced railroad men, and has utterly upset all calculations. In one day 500 carloads of potatoes were received in Chicago, and 300 carloads of apples, while all other fruits and vegetables were shipped in the same proportions. This has greatly reduced the cars available for transporting corn, but an ordinary crop could have been handled with little inconvenience. The problem to be solved, however, is how to handle the largest corn crop ever grown.

SHORTAGE OF FREIGHT CARS.

From all parts of the country reports are coming in that the present crop is larger than any that had ever been gathered, and complaints from all sides have been received that the greater part of it cannot be moved because of the impossibility of obtaining rolling stock. On the Missouri Pacific railroad, one branch at Atchison reports a shortage of 500 cars. On another branch there is a deficiency of over 500 cars. The Nebraska divisions of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy are 600 cars short, and other lines are in no better position. An experienced railroad man has made a calculation which shows a shortage on the western roads of from 3,500 to 4,000 cars, and there is no immediate prospect of relief, while the pressure of the corn crop for transportation is daily growing greater and will continue to increase for at least five weeks.

The railroads have been doing their best to break the blockade, but with poor success. The disadvantages of the system of allowing shippers to use cars as storehouses, which was adopted to secure business after the inter-state commerce law put a stop to the cutting of rates, are now being felt most severely. A large number of the cars are in the east, and it is very difficult to get them back. Were there any return freight the case would be different, but there is little or none, and the cars must be brought back empty over lines crowded to their utmost capacity with east-bound freight. With the delays thus entailed every railroad man is familiar. Sometime ago the roads began to enforce demurrage rules as strictly as possible, but while this did something to relieve the pressure, it was at a drop in the bucket.

HEROIC REMEDIES ADOPTED.

To-day it became evident that something must be done, and both the Missouri Pacific and the C. B. & Q., came to the conclusion that their only safe way lay in the adoption of heroic measures. Telegrams were accordingly sent to the different freight agents, instructing them that no freight could be billed to points beyond their own lines, but that all cars must be retained on the system to which they belonged. In the meantime every effort is being made to secure the return of cars now on other roads, and a number of agents have been sent out to hasten their return. It is probable that all the other lines will be obliged to follow the example set by the Missouri Pacific and the C. B. & Q., within a few days. Throughout the corn belt the farmers are clamoring for cars, and it is probable that a freight blockade of the largest proportions ever known is imminent.

RUEFUL ANXIETY.

The inconvenience to the corn receivers of this city is very great and threatens to become calamitous. Dealers in this market are short of corn for December delivery between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 bushels. They have bought the corn, but cannot get it to the city. One firm alone has bought 2,848 car loads, and a bushel of which can be moved. The farmers are nearly as anxious as the grain receivers, as they cannot sell their crop, and are loud in their complaints. Situated as they are the action of Banks and his country exports in grading all corn that falls into their clutches ridiculously low, is not likely to arouse wild enthusiasm among the farmers, and denunciations of the Farmington expert are nearly as frequent as complaints of the car service. The prospects for a great freight blockade at this city are brilliant, and the course of events is being eagerly watched by all interested.

Union Thanksgiving Services.

Rev. Sophie Gibb will have charge of the union Thanksgiving services to be held at the Universalist church on Thursday evening next, the exercises to begin at 10:30 a. m.; music by the church choir. The following program has been prepared for the occasion:

Invocation—Rev. M. L. Wagner.
Hymn—Rev. George H. Vosburgh.
Scripture reading—Rev. James Miller.
Prayer—Rev. W. H. Penhallegon.
Reading Proclamation—Rev. W. C. Miller.
Hymn—Rev. George E. Springer.
Sermon—Rev. J. A. F. King.
Prayer—Rev. T. W. Pinkerton.
Hymn—Rev. W. B. Allen.
Collection.
Anthem.
Benediction—Rev. George E. Heddell.

Surveying a Track.

B. Z. Taylor, assisted by other members of the Decatur Trotting association committee have about completed the survey for the half-mile track to be constructed, for the use of the association, on the Brennenman place north of town.

Cheap Riding.

Manager Martin of the Electric street railway is selling books of 300 rides each, for the sum of \$10. Riding is cheaper than walking at these figures.

There was a lively runaway yesterday morning on Water street, north of the railroad, in which no particular damage was done and some little excitement was afforded the on-lookers. A farmer named Fleming, living north of the city, was coming to town driving a pair of mules. They became frightened at some flying paper and started to go after the manner of a shot out of a gun. A mule either goes like he was going to get there right off, or he stands as immovable as a republican officeholder. He rarely ever strikes a medium, although these particular mules struck about everywhere else there was on the streets. They ran about three blocks and stopped as suddenly as they had started, and looked as discomfited as Quakers. Some country produce was scattered around, but nothing else serious resulted.

Didn't Know It Was Loaded.

Somebody with malice aforethought gave a "loaded" cigar to Charley Bell, a well known colored man, last evening and while he was inhaling fragrance and consolation at one end of it, the other end went off, blowing tobacco and ashes through his whiskers and striking terror to his heart, much to the amusement of a crowd of wicked bystanders who were "on" to the plot. At first he thought the Chicago anarchists had struck town and himself at the same time, but after he realized just what had happened and why, he started out in search of the man who gave him the cigar. He was still hunting when a Reviewer last saw him.

Had Sold the Property.

James M. Miller, who went to Terre Haute last week and filed a forged deed on some Terre Haute property, was getting ready to realize on his property. He had already sold a part of the property to Max J. Cohen, of this city, and had the papers made out. Mr. Cohen was going to give a deed to Decatur property to Mr. Miller in exchange for the land in Terre Haute. It was to satisfy Mr. Cohen that Miller went to Terre Haute and filed the deed. Now Cohen is well enough satisfied that he has his Decatur property in his possession.

DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

Miss Martha, editor of La Croyenne, Paris, is an Englishwoman by birth.

Edouard Genthe, the aged artist, says that she has painted as her best picture since she was 50, Miss Amy Reader, a niece of the late Charles Reade, is about to make her debut as a novelist.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward's "Robert Elsmere" was read not once but twice by the queen of England.

The only male up Mrs. Kendal resorts to is a lot of paint for her ears and Egyptian black for her lashes.

Sir Julian Pauncifote's four daughters have becomingly brilliant complexions and dress in the extreme of English fashion.

Miss Humphrey Steers a ladies "night," named entirely by her sisters and a cousin, who have been rowing a great deal this year on the Thames.

Miss McFadden is said to entertain more than any other woman on the stage. Her favorite form of entertainment is to give a quiet time to half dozen particular friends.

Ellen Terry was just shocked all England by observing that, if girls like cigarette and if it does not harm them, there is no reason why they should not enjoy "their cigarette puff."

Annie Firm, an actress of Boston, has become a champion swimmer, and is now giving exhibitions there. One of her performances is a correct imitation of a dead body under the water.

Miss Adèle Hamilton, just appointed a notary public in Washington by the president, it is said, is the second of her sex ever appointed to a similar position in Washington, the other lady being Miss Emma Galt.

Mrs. Augusta Evans-Wilson, the southern novelist, is short and stout, with a good natured, intelligent face, having an expression of happy contentment, showing that she is on good terms with her husband and the rest of the world.

Christine Nilsson is the real name of a young Norwegian singer who is attracting some attention. The new and young Mlle. Christine Nilsson has a sprightly voice, and with a timbre similar to Lucie's, and sang with great success at Copenhagen lately.

Mrs. Cleveland is anxious to engage in some line of endeavor which will raise her above the average society woman. She has thought of literature, but has decided to keep out of the field of letters so long as another of her name remains therein. It is probable that Mrs. Cleveland will devote a good deal of study to oil painting.

Mrs. Harrison is the first mistress of the White House since Mrs. Hayes' time who really supervises the entire domestic management. She has the whole of it in hand, from the cellars to the attic. She goes over the most of it every day. Both the president and Mrs. Harrison are early risers, and the day's work gets started by 8 o'clock.

The late Mrs. Polly Bruce, of Leavenworth, Kan., was born a slave in 1794, at Charlotte, Va., and enjoyed perfect health until two years ago, when she was stricken with paralysis, from which she never recovered. She had ten children, of whom nine are yet living. The best known of them is the Hon. Charles K. Bruce, formerly United States senator.

ABOUT OYSTERS.

Oysters will quickly freeze in cold weather. You cannot feed oysters by any artificial means.

What people call the eye of the oyster is scientifically known as the adductor muscle.

George Washington was very fond of the little red oyster crab, so numerous in southern oysters.

The eggs of the female oyster, one authority says, number 128,000,000, but Professor Rice said that 50,000,000 was as many as he could estimate.

In analyzing the contents of the stomach of an oyster nothing but vegetable matter has ever been found.

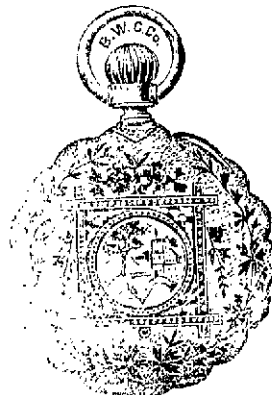
The food of an oyster consists of such microscopic organisms and organic particles as float freely in the water.

There are thirty oyster beds in Tangier sound, whose united area is 17,576 square nautical miles, with twice as much additional bottom where oysters are occasionally caught.

A glass of light Chablis hook or Sauterne, Chamberlain or white Bordeaux (dry), Burgundy, Rhine, Hungarian or Moselle, chilled colored glasses, are all first rate to drink with the luscious oyster.—St. Louis Republic.

Oysters should be piled up or stacked in a heap, with the bottom shell or left valve at the bottom, as the deep shell holds the liquid on which the animal lives. Good stock, if packed nicely this way, will keep for a long time.

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Measuring the Velocity of a Shot.

Suppose a wire to be stretched across in front of the muzzle of the gun, and at a short distance from it, this wire forming part of a complete electric circuit, which includes also an electric battery and an electro-magnet. When the gun is fired this wire will be broken, the circuit interrupted and the armature of the magnet released the instant the projectile reaches the wire in its flight. Now imagine a second wire stretched across the path of the shot, at a point 100 feet in front of the first one, with a similar arrangement of battery, etc. The breaking of this second wire by the flying projectile releases the armature of the second magnet, and if the interval of time between the release of the two armatures can be determined, the velocity of the projectile is easily calculated. If the projectile has a velocity of 2,500 feet per second, and the wires are 100 feet apart, the interval of time will be one-twentieth of a second, and since it is necessary to know the velocity of the shot to within a few feet per second, an instrument capable of measuring the time interval to within the five thousandth part of a second is required; and the instrument must also record its measurement, since the mind cannot conceive, and much less note, such a very brief period.

These exacting conditions are completely fulfilled by the electric chronograph, an instrument embodying the two electro-magnets, together with a recording apparatus, and the attachments for making necessary adjustments, etc. The armature of the first magnet is in a vertical position three feet long, which is suspended in a vertical position from the center of the magnet. The breaking of the first wire releases this rod, allowing it to fall, and when the second wire is broken the armature of the second electro-magnet, which is placed in a short distance below the first, is also released, operating a sort of hammer which strikes the side of the falling rod and makes a click or interruption, and shows exactly how far the rod dropped while the shot was passing over the distance between the first and second wires, and the corresponding interval of time is readily computed from known laws of falling bodies.

Use Your Eyes Carefully.

Stop at your chair when reading, and as you read, when writing as possible. If you bend downward you not only strain the eyes with blood, but the brain as well, and both suffer. The same rule should apply to those of the many who get one that will enable you to look at things horizontally, not always vertically.

Have a reading lamp for night use. N. B.—In reading a light should be on the book or paper and the eyes in the shade. If you have no reading lamp turn your back to the light, and you may read without danger to the eyes.

Hold the book at your breast if that begins to get far away to get a stretch.

Avoid reading by the flickering light of the fire.

Avoid straining the eyes by reading in the gloaming.

Reading in bed is injurious as a rule. It must be admitted, however, that in cases of sleeplessness, when the mind is inclined to ramble over a thousand thoughts a minute, reading soothes the thoughts and conduces to sleep.

Do not read much in a railway carriage. I myself always do, however, only in a good light, and I invariably carry a good reading lamp to set on behind me. Thousands of people would travel by night rather than by day if the companies could only see their way to the exclusive use of their electric light.

Authors should have their ruled paper instead of blue, and should never strain the eyes by reading too fine types.

The head and shoulders should be red or gray, and the rest of the bed should be toward the window.

Those ladies who not only write, but sew, should not attempt the black seam by night. When you come to manage that suggests the wearing of spectacles, let no false modesty prevent you from getting a pair. If you have only one eye, an eyeglass will do; otherwise it is folly.—Casell's Magazine.

Electricity in House Lighting.

The encouragement of electricity upon gas in house lighting is increasing. More and more private residences are being wired for and lighted by electricity every day, and this is the case more especially in small and growing towns than it is in large cities. Little towns like Marshall, Tex., Vicksburg, Miss., and the small towns of the far west are falling into line and availing themselves of every fresh improvement that will increase the returns from investment and enhance the worth and reliability of the light itself. In the New England states the condition of things today obtains to a noticeable extent. Science, commenting on the foregoing, very truly says: The question now is how to distribute the electricity with a fair profit on the investment. Among the methods making rapid strides is that of the distribution of electricity by means of the alternating current. The very type of machine which the authorities consider so dangerous to life will no doubt be that which will eventually solve the problem of universal electric house lighting. The current in the outside mains is of a high pressure—1,000 volts or more, as the case may be. This current is transformed by means of the converter to a lower potential and carried into houses at the safe and low pressure of only 50 or 100 volts.

To cool shell oysters nicely for immediate use, or to serve parties at restaurant or at home, cut a square hole (about six inches) from the bottom end stave of a flour barrel, fill the barrel half full of oysters, place a piece of old carpet or cloth over the oysters, and set a large lump of ice on the cloth. Then cover the top of the barrel securely with any other cloth or woolen covering, and after a little while every oyster taken out from the bottom of the barrel will be as cold as you want it.

FINDING JIM.

The Old Man Who Found His Son by Looking Over Exchanges for Six Months.

The search began in May and ended in November. It was made within the four walls of a country newspaper office and through the medium of its exchanges. No "exchange flood" has been since that search, for I have always remembered that perhaps there was even in the person whom I suspected a sorrow or a longing that made his actions warrantable.

I first heard of Jim when one May afternoon, the doors and windows being open and the "copy" rattling in the breeze, a bent, white haired settler entered The Weekly Palladium office.

"You paper fellows git each other's papers, I sposed," he asked thickly.

"Yes, sir; we exchange with one another."

"Could ye let a person see some yer papers? I'd pay yer for 'em," he asked, as if afraid that he was asking too much.

"Oh, that will be all right," I replied, as I piled fifty or more exchanges before him.

"Ye see, I'm lookin' for Jim," my visitor said, apologetically, as he was adjusting his steel bowled spectacles. "Jim, my son, we came west two year ago an' took up a claim. 'Twas pretty hard work I know, an' Jim was high strung. 'Bout the baby of the family he had got petted a good deal, an' workin' come hard on him."

"Did he run away?" I queried, wishing to appear sociable and interested.

"No, that's the worst of it; I drove 'em away. I got mad at him one day 'cause he wouldn't mind, an' I told 'im ter clear out. He went an' I didn't see 'im since. 'Im thinkin' I'll find somethin' of 'im in the papers—ye fellows seem ter write up everything."

With that he began to look through the large columns of the journals before him. "It was an hour before he had finished his task and laid by the last one with a sigh.

"I'll look ag'in next week," he said sully as he departed.

The next week and the next he was there, each time chatting with me and revealing to me the progress of his quest.

All through the hot summer months he was faithful to his task, and I, too, began to feel an interest in the missing boy and look for his name in the papers that went through my hands.

October with its Indian summer had gone. The prairies had taken on their robes of brown, and nightly the prairie fires gleamed in a ragged line at the far horizon. Then November, on the third Saturday my visitor came through in a better blistering wind, and his hands looked white and pinched with cold. The tears dimmed his glasses as he took up his task as usual. He had gone about half through the pile of papers when he suddenly straightened up, brushed the pages out smooth and fixed his eyes intently upon it. He handed the paper to me and I read:

"A stranger giving his name as James McServe was found in the depot this morning, sick. He is scarcely more than a boy, but seems to have had hard times. Hossy's his friends in Kansas, but will not give their names. He was taken to the Merchants' hotel, where he is being cared for by the city authorities."

The paper was published in a small city in Northern Iowa, and was dated three days previous.

"I've found him!" ejaculated the father gladly. "I'm gitt' ter get him!"

"That night he left for his son's side, and in a week the two alighted from the train, the father joyous and happy, the son pale and emaciated."

As they rode over the prairie towards the old man's claim, he called back to me: "Come on! an' see us sometime!"

I did so shortly afterward, and as we sat up to the well supplied table, though our chairs rested on the bare earth and the walls of a dug out were around us, I found as happy a host as presided in any palace in the land.

The Flapping of a Fly's Wing.

The slow flapping of a butterfly's wing produces no sound, but when the movements are rapid a noise is produced, which increases in shrillness with the number of vibrations. Thus the house fly, which produces the sound E, vibrates its wings 21,120 times a minute, or 352 times in a second; and the bee, which makes a sound of A, as many as 26,400 times, or 440 times in a second. On the contrary, a three bee hums on E, and therefore, according to theory, vibrates its wings only 550 times in a second. Marcy, the naturalist, after many attempts, has succeeded by a delicate mechanism in confirming these numbers graphically. He fixed a fly so that the tip of the wing just touched a cylinder, which was moved by clockwork. Each stroke of the wing caused a mark, of course very slight, but still quite perceptible, and thus showed that there were actually 350 strokes in a second, agreeing almost exactly with the number of vibrations inferred from the note produced.—Sir John Lubbock.

HOMELY PHILOSOPHY.

The ring of coin is often the knell of friendship.

Insincerity is often mistaken for a lack of honesty.

Adversity undermines many a structure of prosperity.

They never need fear a fall who never scale the heights.

He who wisely uses his wealth need not leave it for his tombstone.

True genius lurketh under cover, while arrogance stalks abroad in the full light of day.

The sight of a man's money is oftentimes the antidote for the odor of a very bad character.

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